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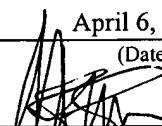
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 12, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Summary of Interview** begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.